

2008 Key Dates

Oct. 28 - Membership Meeting

Nov. 11 – BOD Meeting

Nov. 25 - Membership Meeting

Dec. 9 – BOD Meeting

Dec.16 – Membership Meeting

Help Wanted:

Certified Public Accountant:

In order to obtain our Charitable Gaming License, the State of Michigan requires that we have an annual independent financial oversight audit by a Certified Public Accountant. If you are a CPA who would be willing to work with the club, please contact Steve Hamilton or Jason Adam.

Web Developer:

If you are an experienced Web Developer who is interested in donating some time and helping the club make some improvements to the DAS website, please contact Jason Adam.

Answers to Coast Guard Exam Questions:

1.A 2.A 3.B 4.A 5.C

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

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October Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)Warren, Michigan. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please bring a friend.

The October membership meeting will feature a Swap Meet for members. If you have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle you don't need or even hunting gear, turn it into cash at the meeting. If you need something, check out the tables. Show up early (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection or to set up.

Of course, there will be the usual tackle and other raffles. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at:

www.detroitsteelheaders.org



A rainbow off Big Sable Point taken by Dick Shirk on board "Silver Addiction"

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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership News

Memberships Expiring This Month

Ty Voigt
George Zaker

Renewed Memberships

Edward Hill
David A. Hopcroft

Did You Miss September's Meeting?

President Jason Adam opened the meeting at 7:35pm. Jason reminded everyone to check their membership expiration date that shows on the second line of the newsletter address label and to be aware of that so they don't miss out on membership benefits and tournament participation. Jason brought attention to the want ads on the last page of the newsletter looking for a CPA and a Web Developer that could help the Club out. Jason also mentioned the upcoming Director elections.

The Pres then introduced Bob Paradise, who gave an excellent presentation on pier fishing. Where to go, what to use, Bob covered all the important items and fielded plenty of questions from the floor. He had his pier fishing equipment with him for a hands on look. Great job, Bob!

Doug Karakas then took the floor and gave an informative presentation on surf fishing. As a avid surf fisherman for many years, Doug eagerly shared his knowledge and how-to information. Doug also had his equipment with him that he used for the presentation and allowed members to examine. Nice job, Dougie!

After the break, Jason turned the floor over to Boat Trolling Director Mark Williams. Mark presented the results on both Ludington tournaments,

the Manistee II tournament as well Arcadia. He also passed out the fish trophies for those tournaments.

Congratulations to Mark for an excellent job as Boat Trolling Director! Thanks for all the hard work.

Jason then took fishing reports from the floor. The tackle raffles that followed featured a large salmon net and great tackle packs as usual. Bruce Turnage won the 75/25 raffle first prize of \$56. Steve Genoff took the second prize of \$28. Unfortunately, Richard J. Buelski was not in attendance to claim the \$100 prize in the Every Member drawing.



November Tournament

Hi Guys, the Nov. 1st club tourney is getting close, and I wanted to remind you that it is scheduled for Sat. Nov, 1st for the Big Manistee river, pier, surf and lake for all DAS club members. There is NO ENTRY FEE courtesy of our BOD! There will be a prize for the heaviest pier, river or lake Steelhead caught that day. Weigh-in will be at Dave's campsite in the Insta-Launch Campground starting at 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions, you can phone me at 248-495-5914 and I will try to be of help!!

Jerry Zabel
River, Surf & Pier Director

This is a new feature Fishin' Tales will present for the fall and winter months. We will show 5 questions from the U.S. Coast Guard Captains License Exam database. This is designed to help those that may be preparing for the exam as well as give all of us a better understanding of Coast Guard rules and regulations. Answers can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Question 1. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND
Which statement is TRUE concerning a vessel equipped with operational radar?:

- A. She must use this equipment to obtain early warning of risk of collision.
- B. The radar equipment is only required to be used in restricted visibility.
- C. The use of a radar excuses a vessel from the need of a look-out.
- D. The safe speed of such a vessel will likely be greater than that of vessels without radar.

Question 2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND
Traffic separation schemes established by the International Maritime Organization _____:

- A. provide inbound and outbound lanes to promote the safe flow of vessel traffic
- B. provide vessel reporting systems to assist in search and rescue in the event of a vessel casualty
- C. provide routing and vessel scheduling procedures to reduce shipping delays
- D. prohibit vessels carrying hazardous cargoes from entering waters that are environmentally sensitive

Question 3. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND
The NAVIGATION RULES define a "vessel not under command" as a vessel which _____:

- A. from the nature of her work is unable to keep out of the way of another vessel
- B. through some exceptional circumstance is unable to maneuver as required by the rules
- C. by taking action contrary to the rules has created a special circumstance situation
- D. is moored, aground or anchored in a fairway

Question 4. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND
Which signal, other than a distress signal, can be used by a vessel to attract attention?:

- A. Searchlight beam
- B. Continuous sounding of a fog signal apparatus
- C. Burning barrel
- D. Orange smoke signal

Question 5. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND
According to the Navigation Rules, you may depart from the Rules when _____:

- A. no vessels are in sight visually
- B. no vessels are visible on radar
- C. you are in immediate danger
- D. out of sight of land

Upcoming Director Elections

There are five Board of Director members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year. Only four of those members intend to run for re-election. If you're a current Club member and would like to help out, this would be the perfect time to do YOUR part.

This organization needs leadership. As a member of the Board of Directors, you can contribute in making the decisions that make this a better Club. Whether it is in Boat Trolling, River fishing, Fund raisers, Shows or any of the many areas that we are involved in, new ideas are needed to keep the Club fresh. It doesn't require much time as the Board meets once a month at 7:00pm, two Tuesdays before the General membership meeting and food and beverages are provided.

This is a volunteer organization and this is the time to STEP UP and volunteer. If you are interested, see Bob Ksionzek at the October or November membership meetings.

Board of Directors

Jason Adam – President Publicity, Speakers & Education, Website	248-755-3345
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Comparison Data Between 2007 & 2008 Boat Trolling Tournaments

	St Joe. 4/28/07	St Joe. 5/3/08	South Haven 5/5/07	No comparable in 08	Grand Haven 5/19-20/07	Grand Haven 5/17-18/08	Pt. Austin 6/9/2007	Pt. Austin 6/7/08	Manistee I 7/14/07	Manistee I 7/12/08	Ludington I 8/4/07	Ludington I 8/2/08	Ludington II 8/11/07	Ludington II 8/9/08	Manistee II 8/25/07	Manistee II 8/23/08	Frankfort 9/8/07	Arcadia 9/6/08
No. of Boats	11	9	4	N/A	12	Cancelled due to weather	14	8	11	9	9	8	14	9	9	9	9	8
No. of Fish Weighed In	25	31	18		171		95	44	66	22	50	64	162	32	67	65	72	30
No. of Fish 10 lbs. & over	10	4	2		28		1	1	25	10	26	45	95	12	29	26	37	12
No. of Fish 15 lbs. & over	1	0	0		1		0	0	3	3	5	10	13	4	3	6	1	1
Total wgt. of fish	203.7	174.1	103.0		1099.1		458.1	210.9	602.5	198.0	484.6	716.1	1695.9	273.0	619.5	590.8	690.3	251.3
Ave. Weight of Individual Fish	8.1	5.6	5.7		6.4		4.8	4.8	9.1	9.0	9.7	11.2	10.5	8.5	9.2	9.1	9.6	8.4
Weight of Largest Fish	18.45	14.25	13.15		16.60		10.45	12.20	17.15	16.05	15.85	17.40	16.70	16.80	16.65	18.60	15.35	
No. of Kings	19	8	4		147		2	1	58	18	44	64	148	28	52	61	61	28
No. of Coho	4	5	0		11		0	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	9	1	11	1
No. of Steelhead	0	1	0		3		0	0	5	2	4	0	6	1	2	2	0	1
No. of Brown Trout	2	1	0		0		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Lake Trout	0	16	14		10		93	43	1	2	1	0	2	3	4	1	0	0